

“BECAUSE HE CAME”

12.22.24

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A. BECAUSE CHRIST CAME, HE’S COMING BACK AGAIN: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1. (V1-2a) We know He’s **COMING AGAIN**

- **Key Word (s):** no need: no necessity; no business; you know: you who are intimate; you belonging to one's household, you related by blood, you belonging to the household of God; will come in the same way: will arrive, appear; come before the public; “**Maranatha**”: Consists of two Aramean words, Maran’athah, meaning, “our Lord comes,” or is “coming.” If the latter interpretation is adopted, the meaning of the phrase is, “Our Lord is coming, and he will judge those who have set him at naught.”
- **Key Verse (s):** Acts 1:9-11

2. (V2b) We know He’s **COMING UNANNOUNCED**

- **Key Word (s):** thief: an embezzler, pilferer, burglar, crook *in the night*; will: emphatically will. But (in spite of the mockers, and notwithstanding the delay) *come and be present* the day of the Lord shall; will come like a thief: will come upon one unexpectedly *like a thief*.
- **Key Verse (s):** 2 Peter 3:5-10

3. (V3) We know He’s **COMING SUDDENLY**

- **Key Word (s):** sudden: unexpected, unforeseen; But stay alert at all times: but be sleepless; but keep watch, be attentive, be ready *at all times*.
- **Key Verse (s):** Luke 21:10-36

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Personal Application: “Breaking the Ice”

- What did I learn & what will I **apply** from this week’s message?
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- Who can I **tell**? (share what you’ve learned)
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- What Bible verse can I **memorize**? (write it down)
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- Who can I **bring** with me next week? (list their names)
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Going deeper into the book (s) of **1 Thessalonians**

- Read the **ENTIRE BOOK** on your own.
- **WHO** is the Author? You can normally find this in the *intro* or *conclusion of the book*
- **WHO** is his Audience? You can normally find this in the *intro of the book*
- **WHY** was it written? You can normally find this in the *intro and as you read the entire book*—and continue asking the question “**Why?**” as you read. **Also discover:** *What is the author saying to the people and how does this apply to you*—the Church, the Family of God, & a son/daughter of God?

ENGAGE HOMEWORK

Discussion questions from **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Peter 3:5-10; Luke 21:10-36**

1. How does your understanding of *Christ’s return* affect the way you live life today?

2. What can you do now to *prepare for the return* of Christ? Are you confidently ready?